

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly cancel claims 1-20.

21. (New) An immunogenic composition to induce an immune response against West Nile Virus (WNV) in an animal susceptible to WNV comprising a vector comprising a recombinant avipox virus or DNA plasmid that contains and expresses in vivo a nucleic acid molecule encoding WNV protein prM-M-E.

22. (New) The immunogenic composition of claim 21, wherein the vector is the recombinant avipox virus.

23. (New) The immunogenic composition of claim 22 wherein the avipox virus is a canarypox virus.

24. (New) The immunogenic composition of claim 23 wherein the canarypox virus is an ALVAC canarypox virus.

25. (New) The immunogenic composition of claim 21 wherein the vector is the DNA plasmid.

26. (New) A method for inducing an immune response against WNV comprising administering to the animal the immunogenic composition of any one of claims 21-25.

27. (New) The method of claim 26 wherein the animal is a horse.